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DOWNTOWN CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The revitalization of downtown Sunnyvale will move forward at a faster pace over the next few months as several new projects get underway, including:

- Construction of a new parking structure on the J.C. Penney's lot is expected to begin this month and be completed by November;
- Construction of 124 residential units, including 11 below-market rate units, has begun at the corner of Sunnyvale Avenue and Evelyn; and
- Final Council review is expected this spring with groundbreaking in the summer for an office building on Mathilda at Washington.

Also scheduled to begin later this year is the construction of the new Caltrain Multi-Modal Transit Station. ✨



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STATE OF THE CITY EVENT

The City of Sunnyvale will hold its Annual State of the City event on **Saturday, May 6, 2000**. The entire community is encouraged to attend this free event. It will be held in downtown Sunnyvale on Washington Avenue at South Murphy.

The theme for this year's event is "Many Cultures, One Community." In addition to the traditional presentation of community awards and the Mayor's State of the City address, this

year the event will feature music and dance representative of the rich diversity in our community. Music will start at 11 AM and the program will begin at 1 PM. A reception will follow at 2:30.

The event is being coordinated to coincide with the popular Farmer's Market. Come on down, get some fresh produce, and hang out with your family, friends and neighbors for an exciting day spent celebrating the best of our City. ✨



POLICE, FIRE AND OTHER EMERGENCY SERVICES BENEFIT FROM TECHNOLOGY

Part II in a series commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Department of Public Safety

Technology has touched and changed almost every aspect of daily life; public safety operations are no exception. As the City of Sunnyvale celebrates the 50th anniversary of its Public Safety Department, it is remarkable to see the difference technology innovations are making in the methods and approaches used to handle police, fire and other emergency services.

"The Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety is continually looking for ways to use technology," said Ernie Bakin, Public Safety Chief. "It is encouraging to look at where we have come from and exciting to look at where we are headed."

Here is a brief overview of the many ways that public safety is different now, in the year 2000, than it was 50 years ago.

Emergency Communications

The 9-1-1 emergency number has become so familiar it may be hard to believe that it wasn't too long ago that citizens had to dial "operator" or



The five patches worn by fire and police officers throughout Sunnyvale's history.

a 5- or 7-digit number to reach public safety. During the past 10 years, the 9-1-1 network has become far more sophisticated at providing not only quick access, but also giving emergency personnel useful information such as the phone number and address of the source of the call, the name of the account holder, and the location of the address on a display screen map.

Radio communication systems changes have been equally as significant. In 1950, officers would use strategically-located "call boxes" to check in with headquarters; dispatching was conducted over AM radios in patrol cars. Sunnyvale shared frequencies with multiple cities, requiring dispatchers and officers to wait for the channel to be clear before broadcasting. It wasn't until the late 1970s that Sunnyvale obtained four channels in the television band to use exclusively for

public safety communications.

The radios themselves have also changed form. Originally officers only had access to a mobile radio in the patrol car or fire apparatus. It was a major step when portable radios were made available for each officer so they could call for help or talk with dispatch without having to return to their vehicles. Radios have become smaller, lighter, and more sophisticated. Now they are mini-computers, with "flashport" technology that adds new features and makes repairs via software rather than changing the hardware.

In 1976, Sunnyvale Public Safety became the first agency in Silicon Valley to implement a computer-aided dispatch system with mobile data terminals. Police vehicles are now equipped with wireless technology that has the functionality of a

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STREET MAINTENANCE IS NEVER-ENDING PROCESS

The biggest compliment residents can pay to Sunnyvale's street maintenance program is not to give it any thought. "If streets ride well and look good, you don't think about them," said Dan Burke, Public Works supervisor. "But if there is a problem somewhere, we usually hear about it right away."

Burke said that every street is different because of the type and frequency of traffic that uses it. "If it is a major thoroughfare that is a primary bus route, it is going to need a different maintenance schedule and treatment than if it is a quiet residential street."

The City uses a computerized system to keep track of condition data on its 300 miles of streets and to predict when preventive maintenance work should be done on the nearly six-million square yards of pavement within Sunnyvale. On average, a residential streets gets preventative maintenance approximately every 5 to 10 years and major repairs every 10 to 15 years. In addition, maintenance crews physically survey the condition of streets every two years to determine the condition of the pavement. The goal is to spot dis-

tresses that might allow water to enter the roadway and cause a breakdown of the street surface.

"Preventative maintenance, performed before the road begins to break up, is the most cost-effective way of keeping them in top-notch working order," Burke said. "The City saves three dollars for every dollar it spends on preventative street maintenance, because seal coats are so much cheaper than extensive repairs."

There are two types of sealing done to prevent pavement cracking: slurry seals, a mixture of sand-like aggregate and emulsified asphalt oil, and chip seals, the application of crushed rock over an emulsified asphalt oil. "We do a one-two punch on most streets," he said, "and apply a chip seal in the summer and follow up with a slurry seal in the spring. Residents may wonder why we are working on a street two times so close together, but it is actually a specific strategy to avoid the need for resurfacing."

The cost differences are significant. Slurry seals average about five cents

per square foot and chip seals about 19 cents per square foot, compared with resurfacing which costs between 80 cents and \$1 per square foot. Most expensive of all is pavement reconstruction, which involves removing the entire street and replacing it. Although a reconstructed street can be expected to last 20-25 years, its cost of \$3 to \$5 per square foot means it is a solution reserved only for those streets that have reached a point where preventative maintenance is no longer an option.

Residents most frequently contact the City about potholes, which typically are repaired within 24 hours after being reported to Public Works Field Services Division at 730-7510.

"The useful life of a street can be extended from 20 to as much as 100 years if small breaks are fixed and a seal coat or resurfacing is done before more severe damage occurs," Burke said. "If we keep up with the streets on a regular basis, even those that look to be in good condition, we save money in the long run." ✧



Public Works crew begins the street maintenance process.



A resident on Pastoria shows her appreciation to the street crew.

MAKING CHILD CARE SAFER

The California Department of Social Services Community Care Licensing has just released two guides designed to encourage child care providers to do a self-assessment of their program's facility safety and disaster preparedness.

With the guide, child care providers can review both state licensing requirements and options on how to best meet or exceed these safety requirements. To request copies of these guides, please contact the Office of the City Manager at 730-7533. For specific child care licensing information, contact Community Care Licensing at 277-1286.

Sunnyvale providers may also request a free safety inspection of their child care facility (home or center) by calling the Sunnyvale Public Safety Crime Prevention Unit at 730-7140. ✧

NEW NOISE REQUIREMENTS

Reminder: leaf blowers used anywhere in the City of Sunnyvale cannot exceed 65 decibels (as measured 50 feet away) according to

a municipal ordinance that went into effect January 1.

The new regulation, along with limiting the use of leaf blowers in residential neighborhoods to between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., is the key element of Sunnyvale's noise reduction program. These policies were developed through a comprehensive study process that included public forums and research on various noise reduction strategies.

Another requirement that went into effect January 1 was that auto dealers replace loudspeaker systems on car lots with quieter alternatives that would be less disruptive to nearby neighborhoods. ✧



UPCOMING COUNCIL STUDY ISSUES

Every month the City Council focuses on a number of “study issues,” topics that were designated important at the Council’s annual priority-setting workshop.

Study issues are often complex and require extensive research and analysis by staff, and public testimony by many segments of the community. Here are brief descriptions of some of the study issues that will be tackled in the coming months.

The 50 Meter Pool Partnership with Fremont Union High School District (May 2)

A feasibility study is currently underway to assess the pros and cons of the City partnering with the the Fremont Union High School District to build a 50-meter swimming pool on the campus of Fremont High School. The pool would be used jointly by the school district and by the City for public use.

The feasibility study will include information on pool design, capital and operating costs, anticipated numbers of pool users, and the possible terms of a joint agreement.

Use of Volunteers in Routine Law Enforcement (May 9)

Several communities have discovered that using trained volunteers to handle some routine law enforcement tasks, such as dealing with illegal parking or abandoned vehicles, is an effective way to enable public safety officers to focus on more serious issues.

This study will review legal issues related to the use of volunteers, the types of training needed if Sunnyvale were to begin a program, and how the City could measure the performance and outcomes of using volunteers in law enforcement.

Code Enforcement for Chronic Violators and Complaint-Based Enforcement (June 6)

Should the City continue its historic approach to code violations in neighborhoods, relying in large measure on responding to complaints? How much time should be allowed for property owners to correct code violations? What should the City’s response be to code violators who do not respond to warnings? When should citations be issued and fines levied for noncompliance?

These are a few of the questions that will be covered in this public hearing to consider how to deal with chronic code violators. Each year, Neighborhood Preservation staff respond to more than 1500 complaints of code violations. The City typically responds with an educational approach, focusing on alerting the property owner to the problem and providing helpful information on how to get it corrected. This approach works in most cases — 97% of the code violations are corrected within 14 days.

Occasionally, though, some property owners are slow to respond or ignore the warnings altogether and a different approach is needed. In this study issue, the Council will review existing codes, ordinances, and use permit conditions and consider whether to increase enforcement or develop new codes where neighborhood and community preservation issues are involved.

Youth Services Study (June 20)

Determining what Sunnyvale’s children and teens need, beyond the services currently available, was ranked as a high priority for study by the City Council. This issue will review the results of a comprehensive study of youth services.

The report begins with an analysis of the needs of youth in the community, from early childhood through high school. It summarizes the services currently available in Sunnyvale from the City, from other government agencies, and from nonprofit organizations. It also explores the potential for partnerships with local school districts, businesses and neighboring communities.

The report for each issue is available on the City’s website at www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us the Friday afternoon before Council consideration. The dates of the Council Study Issues are tentative and could change. Citizens interested in a specific subject should contact the Office of the City Clerk at 730-7483 to confirm the Council schedule. The study calendar is also posted on the City’s website. ✨

The Hearing for the proposed Utility Rates for Fiscal year 2000/2001 will be held as part of the April 25th Council Meeting.

PARKS AND RECREATION PROJECTS BEGIN PLANNING PHASES

Three major studies are underway in the Department of Parks and Recreation this year, and input from neighbors, park users, and participants of programs is encouraged. Residents interested in learning about and/or commenting on the following projects can call 730-7517 to have their names added to the public contact list for each project.

MAJOR STUDIES WILL INCLUDE:

Skateboard Feasibility Study

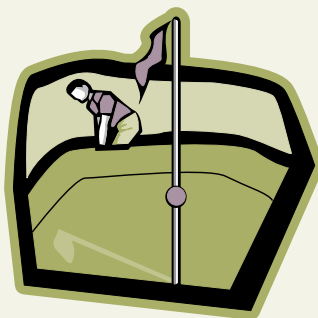
Council has not approved the development of a skateboard park, but City staff has been directed to conduct a study of the feasibility of building one. The study will analyze the pros and cons of a skateboard park, identify alternative sites, and provide cost estimates for Council’s consideration in August. Neighbors and interested parties will be invited to attend informational meetings for any particular site under consideration.

Review of Golf Reservation Policies

Should Sunnyvale residents have some advantage in reserving tee times at City golf courses? This will be the topic of another study issue this year. Staff will collect information on reservation policies

of other local municipal golf courses and identify alternative ways to

provide some advantage for residents over non-residents. Staff will also assess the impact any change would have on the staff’s ability to meet Council-approved goals and objectives for the golf courses.



Public Art Policies and Practices

City staff will launch a comprehensive review of the City’s policies and practices related to visual public art. This is a multi-year project, concluding in 2001.

Residents are also encouraged to contact the Parks Division at 730-7506 to monitor the status of two other major projects that have moved beyond the planning/public input phase:

- Expansion of the tennis center; and
- The Hetch Hetchy Greenbelt between Orchard Gardens Park and Morse Avenue. ✨

Bike Safety Rodeo Combines Fun and Facts

A Bicycle Safety Rodeo is set for **Saturday, June 10**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Columbia Middle School, 739 Morse Ave.

This free event offers bicycle riders in grades K-8 the opportunity to ride or walk through safety courses and try the bike skill course. There will be bike riding demonstrations and workshops. All participants must wear helmets in bike activities.

The Bike Rodeo is co-sponsored by several community partners including Sunnyvale Service Unit #71 of the Girl Scouts of Santa Clara County and local bicycle merchants. For more information, contact Community Services Officer Dori Fontaine, Crime Prevention Unit, 730-7199. ✨



PERMITS ARE IMPORTANT FOR SAFETY, HEALTH STANDARDS

Building permits—what they are and when they’re needed—can be confusing to home owners. But building permits are a key element in maintaining the safety and health standards in a community. They offer reassurance to current and future home owners that their property meets the requirements of California and municipal codes.

In 1984, the City of Sunnyvale established its “One Stop” Permit Center to make it easy and convenient for professional contractors and do-it-yourself home owners to obtain the proper permits needed to meet planning, building safety, fire and public works requirements. Now many permits can be obtained 24 hours a day, seven days a week through the online e-Permits system at www.e-permits.net/sunnyvale.

“The City has a full-service approach to helping our customers, the residents and businesses of Sunnyvale, obtain the regulatory approvals they need in a streamlined manner,” said Ali Fatapour, City Building Official. “We are proud that 90% of the building permits are

issued in the same day, either over the counter or, more recently online through the Internet.”

Here are some of the most common Questions and Answers about building permits:

Q: What is the purpose of building permits?

A building permit is a document that identifies the scope of a structural, electrical, plumbing or mechanical building project and monitors, through signoff at various stages of completion, that the project meets code requirements. The permit verifies that sound construction practices are being used and that health and safety are protected.

Q: How do I know if I need to get a building permit for a household improvement project?

The rule of thumb is that any home improvement project that involves new construction or a change to the original construction of a home warrants a building permit. Building a patio cover, installing a garden window, or relocating an electrical outlet are all examples of common home improvement projects that require a building permit.

Licensed contractors are knowledgeable about City of Sunnyvale requirements and can tell you when a permit will be needed and what codes apply to an individual project. Anyone with a question may also call the Sunnyvale Building Division at 730-7444.

Q: What is the difference between remodeling and redecorating?

Any change or relocation of a mechanical, electrical, plumbing or structural element in a home from how the house was first constructed qualifies as remodeling. Cosmetic changes, such as replacing floor coverings or existing lighting fixtures or painting, are considered redecorating and do not require permits.

Q: Why are some people reluctant to get building permits?

Some people fear that the process for obtaining a building permit will be cumbersome and time-consuming. The City of Sunnyvale has worked hard to streamline the permits process and to make it as convenient as possible for citizens to submit paperwork and schedule inspections. The One-Stop Permit Center and online e-Permits demonstrate that the emphasis in this City is on customer service.

Q: How can home owners find out what permits are on file for their properties?

Comprehensive records on all properties are maintained at Sunnyvale City Hall and copies can be obtained for a nominal fee. It can be quite interesting to trace the “pedigree” of your home, especially if it is older and has had many owners. It is a good idea to keep copies of all permits in your personal files.

Q: Will obtaining a permit increase property taxes?

A record of permits is sent to the County Assessors Office which may prompt a re-evaluation of the property. This usually occurs only if major additions or changes are being made.

Q: Is it possible to get permits for work done a while ago?

Maybe, but this needs to be discussed on a situation-by-situation basis. One option is an “occupancy permit” which can be granted for work done some time in the past without benefit of the required permit. An occupancy permit determines if there is a specific concern with regard to health or safety. It may not necessarily prove that what was done will comply with current codes. These types of permits are sometimes sought by home sellers to meet their disclosure obligations.

Residents with more questions about permits are encouraged to contact the Building Division at 730-7444. ✨

MAGAZINE SAYS SUNNYVALE IS TOP SPOT FOR BUSINESS

There are some truly great big cities in America, but out of all of them Sunnyvale was selected by Business Development Outlook Magazine as “the most attractive American big city in which to operate a business.”

Cities with more than 100,000 population (Sunnyvale has about 130,000 citizens) were evaluated for a variety of business-favorable factors including costs, education levels of workforce, public transportation, crime, housing, and availability of talented administrative, management and executive workers.

“We already knew Sunnyvale is a great place to do business, but it’s nice to get confirmation from a national business publication,” said Karen Davis, Economic Development Manager for the City of Sunnyvale.

The same magazine also ranked Sunnyvale #8 for overall quality of life. ✨

ORCHARD HERITAGE BLOSSOM FAIRE

Celebrate our agricultural past and the groundbreaking for the Orchard Heritage Park Interpretive Exhibit (OHPIE) at the Orchard Heritage Blossom Faire on **Saturday, May 13**, from 11 am until 4 pm, at the Sunnyvale Community Center Arboretum Gardens. The day’s activities will include food, music, orchard talks and tours, displays and a silent auction.

Once completed, OHPIE will be the area’s first and only exhibit to commemorate our rich agricultural history. OHPIE has collected information from approximately 300 families involved in our orchard history. When the exhibit is completed, an Honor Roll will be a permanent tribute to these families. The educational exhibit will be located next to the existing Orchard Heritage Park, a ten-acre working apricot orchard adjacent to the Community Center.

For more information on OHPIE or the Blossom Faire, call 408-735-1819. ✨



CITY COUNCIL APPROVES ENVIRONMENTAL PROCUREMENT POLICY

City employees and contractors are now required to consider a broad range of environmental factors when making purchases, developing specifications, or evaluating bids under a new Environmental Procurement Policy adopted by the City Council.

“We want to make City purchases consistent with the long term environmental management goals of the City,” explained Mark Bowers, Solid Waste Program Manager. “We believe this policy will help to preserve natural resources, reduce energy use and pollution, reduce solid waste, and minimize the impact on the environment from City activities. Also, this comprehensive

approach to what we purchase fits in well with the City’s long-range budgeting system.”

In 1990, Sunnyvale became one of the first cities in California to require the purchase of recycled paper for City use. Now Sunnyvale is one of only a few jurisdictions in the state to have surpassed the 50% waste diversion goal mandated by state law.

Under the new policy, City departments are asked to purchase “environmentally preferable products and services” which takes into account such factors as raw materials acquisition, production, manufacturing, packaging, distribution, reuse, operation, maintenance, and disposal. ✨

HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION ENSURES PAST IS NOT LOST

The physical symbols of Sunnyvale's heritage—historic homes, landmark commercial buildings, and even ancient trees—are a resource that, once gone, cannot be replaced.

Protecting the important aspects of the City's cultural past is the job of the Heritage Preservation Commission, a seven-person advisory group that meets once a month to review and recommend action on all permit applications affecting changes in landmark sites or districts.

"The Heritage Preservation Commission is also often involved in commenting on land use decisions on major developments that affect heritage properties, such as the Olson family cherry orchard," explained Gerri Caruso, who serves as the City staff liaison to the Commission.

The Commission focuses on the Heritage Housing District and the Murphy Station Landmark District in downtown. Additionally, the members keep an eye on selected properties throughout the community that the City has designated as local landmarks, such as the Briggs-Stelling private home on Springfield Terrace or the Libby Water Tower. The City also has a list of 15 heritage trees, including the landmark Vargas redwood trees on Carson Drive that mark the former entrance to the Vargas Ranch.

"Things can change so fast we have to be diligent about preserving Sunnyvale's architecture and atmosphere so that we don't lose it," said Jack Perry, current chair of the Commission. "People like a little bit of nostalgia and to remember a time in the past when this community was primarily agricultural, more peaceful and slower."

The Heritage Preservation Commission is just one of several activities Perry, a Sunnyvale resident for more than 30 years, pursues related to history. He is a member of the Sunnyvale Historical Society and is a primary volunteer with the Iron Man Museum which was started by Westinghouse employees in the early 1980s to preserve the history of the Joshua Hendy Ironworks.

"The more you get involved in a community, the more you get a greater appreciation for our heritage," Perry said.

Lillian Pang, who completed a four-year term on the Commission in 1999, agrees. "Being aware of what's going on in the city provided me pleasure. Serving on this commission takes a lot of time because there is a lot of reading and studying to do, but it is important for every community to preserve its history so that we can use the past to know what to expect in the future."

She said she particularly enjoyed a walking tour of the historic downtown shopping district accompanied by architects and historians who pointed out architectural features and described how they affect the appearance of traditional and historical streets.

"It was fascinating," she said. "So often we walk around unaware of how important design is and not paying attention to the details."

Pang believes it is important for the Heritage Preservation Commission to have a mix of people so that the viewpoints of many—architects, builders, developers and ordinary citizens—are included in discussion of project proposals.

Another current Commissioner, Andrew Maloney, fits two of these categories. He is an architect with the City and County of San Francisco and a resident of the Taaffe-Francis

Street heritage housing district.

"We live in a classic Norman Rockwell neighborhood—small houses, lots of trees, and very friendly neighbors," he said. "The street is pretty much intact as it was originally built, with trees providing a canopy and people using their front yards as outdoor living rooms."

Maloney said he first became involved with the Heritage Preservation Commission when his street was going to be impacted by a proposed large retail development nearby. "We give up some things, like a larger home and some privacy, to live in a heritage neighborhood, but the drawbacks are more than balanced by the advantages—being within walking distance of the train station and downtown shops and having neighbors that are close friends."

Two major goals for the Commission this year are the oral history project, which will create an inventory of recorded interviews with long-time residents, and identity markers at the entrances to historic neighborhoods. City staff is researching design options and will present a status report to the City Council on July 11. Public hearings are expected to be scheduled on the subject late this spring.

"To have a good and satisfying life, we need culture and history to add to the fullness and richness of living," said Pang. "We need to be aware of the contributions made by other people who made it possible for us to be here—their vision, their planning, their goals."

The Heritage Commission meets the 1st Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September and November at 7:00 PM in the West Conference Room at City Hall. For more information, contact Gerri Caruso at 730-7591. ✧

LEARN ABOUT OPENINGS ON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS

An information meeting describing the recruitment process and how to find out more about service on a City board or commission is scheduled for 6 p.m. **Wednesday, May 10**, in the West Conference Room of Sunnyvale City Hall.

The application deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, May 19. There are currently openings on the following boards and commissions:

- Arts Commission
- Bicycle Advisory Commission
- Board of Building Code Appeals
- Board of Library Trustees
- Heritage Preservation Commission
- Housing and Human Services Commission
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Personnel Board
- Planning Commission

Volunteer Services Manager Sophie Horiuchi recommends that residents learn as much as they can about the board or commission that interests them before deciding to apply. "Attend regular meetings, talk with the staff or members, read the minutes," she said. "Become familiar with the issues it faces and its interactions with City Council, and assess the personal time commitment it would take to be a successful commissioner."

Application packets are available from Volunteer Services, 730-7533, or can be downloaded from the City's website at www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. Selection is made by the City Council and every applicant has the opportunity to interview with the City Council. Times of interviews will be mailed to you. ✧

15TH ANNIVERSARY FOR HANDS ON THE ARTS

The oldest and largest Bay Area festival designed just for kids, Hands on the Arts, will be presented for the 15th time on **Saturday, May 20**, at the Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E. Remington Ave.

The all-day event, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., brings together thousands of children for a day of fun activities where they 'try out' visual and performing arts under the guidance of 50 professional artists. The children wander from workshop to workshop to sculpt and paint, sing, create a mural, make a kite, beat a drum, be a clown, write a poem, dance, and generally express their innate creativity. There is a fee of \$3 per child or \$10 maximum per family.

Between 5,000 and 8,000 children attend the festival each year. Most are elementary or middle school age, but preschoolers also find it appealing if they have parent assistance in the workshops.

Hands on the Arts originated from a proposal made to the City of Sunnyvale by the Arts Council to create a unique

partnership between government and a nonprofit organization.

"The idea was to leverage the City's staff resources and expertise in managing special events and the Arts Council's connections to the professional arts community and funding sources," said Nancy Steward, Superintendent of Arts and Youth Services for the City and one of the organizers of the festival in its early years.

"The City saw this as a great opportunity to raise the visibility of arts in our community," she said. "It was also a way to celebrate cultural diversity in Silicon Valley, while at the same time focusing on those things that are common to the human experience regardless of ethnic or cultural backgrounds. For example, dance is common to many cultures but each uses a different form and style of dance to express themselves. The arts serve as a bridge between cultures and help us better communicate and understand one another."

The first Hands on the Arts Festival was held in 1986 on the Santa Clara University campus but moved the next

year to the Sunnyvale Community Center where it has remained.

In 1988 the City of Sunnyvale was honored with the Dorothy M. Mullen National Arts and Humanities Award for "its outstanding commitment in bringing together children and artists and promoting the arts."

In the late '80s, Hands on the Arts was a major regional event, drawing participants from throughout the Bay Area, according to Steward. "A positive outcome of the City/Arts Council partnership is that Hands on the Arts has served as a catalyst for numerous other "hands on" family arts events throughout the region," she said. "Over the years, other communities have developed their own versions of Hands on the Arts. The Sunnyvale event is still going strong after 15 years and serves Sunnyvale families and those in neighboring cities."

Co-sponsored by the Arts Council Silicon Valley, Hands on the Arts is also supported this year by Applied Materials and AMD. For further information on Hands on the Arts, call 730-7350. ✧



IF IT’S FUN, THEY WILL COME TO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

After-school enrichment courses offered to students of Columbia Middle and Bishop Elementary schools are providing a fun alternative to what kids call “boring time at home” after they leave the classroom on school days.

The Kids Learning After School (K.L.A.S.) program is a collaboration between the City of Sunnyvale and the Sunnyvale Elementary School District, with additional funding from state grants and AMD. Parents pay a modest fee of \$15 per session for their child to experience drama, music, art, computers, Tae Kwon Do, first aid and other subjects appealing to the preteen set. Five sessions of enrichment courses (each six weeks in length) are offered during the school year.

“We want to offer a breadth of topics that will hook their interest and open them up

to new experiences,” said Christine Garrow, K.L.A.S. Program Manager for the Sunnyvale Elementary School District. “Our goal is to provide a safe and enriching environment for youth after their regular school day is done.”

“It’s more fun here than at home,” said Britney Lilje, a sixth grader painting a bright-colored poster that will become part of a mural backdrop when the KLAS chorus performs.

“I like getting to paint and to meet new people,” added Maria Carina Valdes, another sixth grader in the Scenery Painting class. “It’s exciting.”

Across the Columbia Middle School campus, a different group of students in a crafts class is creating centerpiece candles, stained glass, and holiday ornaments.

“She is bringing home things that we can really use,” said Julia Pedraza whose daughter, Adriana, is enrolled in the class. “I want her to learn things and to stay out of the streets after school.”

“The City and the school district work hard to provide a complete package of academic and recreational opportunities in a safe

environment,” said Linda Kim, Arts and Youth Services Coordinator for the City of Sunnyvale. “On Friday afternoons we offer the K.L.A.S. students more unstructured activities in the teen center, the Dog House, and in the open gymnasium.”

Help with daily homework

A homework center and a tutoring lab are also open from 3 to 6 p.m. school days to help students with their regular school work assignments. Students work by themselves and in small groups to finish that night’s homework and get extra help with subjects like math and English.

“We have three types of students coming into the Homework Center,” said Gary Dove, a computer teacher at Cumberland School who staffs the after-school program at Columbia. “Some kids just drop in because they like to do their homework here. Some students are assigned to come here by their teachers because they are not getting their work done for a variety of reasons. The third group is students who need one-on-one tutoring help, frequently because English is their second language.”

Dove said that they offer incentives to keep

the children coming back. Visits earn points that can be accumulated towards certificates for ice cream or gift items donated by local merchants. The promise of field trips is another way to keep the students motivated.

“I was an at-risk kid myself when I was their age and I know how easy it is to get behind or to get into trouble,” Dove said. “I was lucky that the light went on for me one day in high school, but I wish I would have had access to this type of program.”

Many of the volunteers at the Homework Center come from the City Year organization, which places young adults from diverse racial, cultural and socio-economic backgrounds, into community service projects. The volunteers not only tutor and help run recreational activities, they become friends and mentors to the younger students.

“We are all working to help these students find what they are interested in and become enthusiastic about learning,” Garrow said. “They also learn about how they process information so that it becomes easier for them to learn. And parents like it that they don’t have to nag or fight with their children about homework. When they get home, it’s already done.” ✨



Students participate in an after-school program at Columbia Middle School.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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computer, allowing officers to tap into a broad base of information and resources. Future enhancements will include the transmission of graphics, such as fingerprints or photos, and extensive text.

Fire Services

Fire fighters of the 1950s had very little equipment to help them combat blazes and stay safe. They were alerted to fires by “air raid” type sirens or telephone calls, rather than the radio dispatch technology used today. Fires were approached with a “surround and drown” methodology, far different from the aggressive internal structure methods which can now be used because of the development of protective gear. Firefighters now can don protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus that allows them to go inside the fire to the “seat” of the blaze and extinguish flames with another new technology that allows them to put up to 2000 gallons of water per minute onto the fire. A different type of protective gear, bubble-like suits that do not allow contamination to permeate, are used by fire fighters when they respond to incidents involving hazardous materials.

Soon, Sunnyvale may have access to thermal-imaging technology. This will enable fire fighters to see differences in temperatures within a smoky environment so they can locate and rescue people inside a building more quickly.

The job of the fire fighter is quite different now than in the early days. More than 90% of the calls received now are medical-related requests for paramedics. Fire fighters also spend considerable time on fire prevention, including education programs for schools and community groups,

which are designed to reduce the number of fires and associated injuries.

Police Services

Watching an old episode of “Dragnet” or “Adam 12” on the nostalgia TV channels shows how much policing has changed in the last 50 years. It’s been just over 10 years that individual officers have been equipped with portable radios; and laptop computers in each patrol car are even more recent.

Officers can stay in constant communication with one another and file reports electronically as they happen, rather than writing them by hand or typing them back at the station house. Instead of colored push pins in a wall map to track patterns of crime, a computerized map of crime locations and predictions is created by a crime analyst and can be updated with a few strokes of the keyboard. Finger prints are no longer hand rolled with ink onto a fingerprint card but are electronically scanned and printed on a laser printer. An electronic database can compare one set of prints to literally millions on file to help identify a person or find a match with latent prints lifted at a crime scene.

Patrol cars are mini-offices, outfitted with technology that provides officers effective tools for doing their jobs. An in-car computer allows officers to connect with the California Department of Justice, the Department of Motor Vehicles, and the Police Identification Network to see if an individual or a vehicle is wanted. All patrol vehicles also have mobile video/audio recorders which allow an officer to video record activity in front of the vehicle and to record sound as much as several hundred feet away.

The bulky black-and-white cameras used in the ‘50s to photograph crime scenes were replaced by 35mm color cameras in the ‘70s and by digital cameras in the late 1990s. Digital photos of evidence can be quickly posted on a computer network and shared with other law enforcement agencies.

Records Management

Paperwork may be the least glamorous aspect of public safety, but maintaining accurate and accessible information is critical to efficient and effective law enforcement operations.

In Sunnyvale, pounds of paper and hours of searching through files have been replaced with keyboards, computer screens, and a few clicks. Technology is facilitating crime analysis, forecasting, trend identification, and case intelligence.

The entire law enforcement network — city, county, state, federal and even international — is now able to share information, fingerprints and photographs. Information about a missing child, for example, can be broadcast to law enforcement agencies all over the world in just a few minutes. A vehicle stolen in California and driven to Kansas can be recovered and returned, even if the license plates have been tossed.

“As criminals have more access to technology, our technology needs also increase in order to combat them,” said Chief Bakin. “Fortunately, a tremendous focus is being placed on the technology needs of law enforcement at every level. Through grant funds and cooperation with private industries, the law enforcement community is able to stay in tune with the changing needs.” ✨

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

PUBLIC MEETINGS — City Council, Boards and Commissions

The following are dates of City Council meetings, which are held each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. (study sessions are normally held at 6:30 p.m. prior to Council meeting). Board and Commission meetings are also listed below. *All dates shown are subject to change.* For more complete information, or to confirm dates and times, contact the City Clerk's Office at 730-7483 or call SunDIAL at 774-0262 code 122. City Council meetings are broadcast on KSUN (TCI Cable TV channel 18) live Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., and rebroadcast 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and again 4:00 p.m. Saturday. Planning Commission meetings are broadcast live Mondays at 8:00 p.m. and rebroadcast Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. and again 11:00 a.m. Saturday.

KEY	
CC	= Council Chambers
WCR	= West Conference Room
CCB	= Community Center Boardroom
GC	= Garden Conference Room

APRIL

- 3 **Advisory Council to the Council on Aging**, 1:00 p.m. 2175 The Alameda, San Jose
- 3 **Library Board**, 7:30 p.m., CC
- 4 **City Council**, 7:30 p.m., CC
- 5 **Heritage Preservation Commission**. 7 p.m., WCR
- 6 **Child Care Advisory Board**, 1 p.m., WCR
- 10 **Planning Commission**
Study Session, 7-8 p.m., WCR
Public Hearing, 8 p.m., CC
- 11 **City Council**, 7:30 p.m., CC
- 12 **Parks & Recreation Commission**, 7 p.m., CC
- 17 **Personnel Board**, 5 p.m., CC
- 18 **City Council**, Canceled (Spring Break)
- 19 **Arts Commission**, 7 p.m., WCR
- 20 **Bicycle Advisory Committee**, 6:30 p.m., WCR
- 24 **Planning Commission**
Study Session, 7-8 p.m., WCR
Public Hearing, 8 p.m., CC
- 25 **City Council**, 7:30 p.m., CC
- 26 **Housing and Human Services Commission**, 7 p.m., WCR
- 26 **Parks & Recreation Commission**, 7 p.m., CC
- 26 **Private Industry Council**, 12 noon at Acurex, 555 Clyde Ave., Mountain View

MAY

- 1 **Library Board**, 7:30 p.m., CC
- 1 **Advisory Council to the Council on Aging**, 1:00 p.m. 2175 The Alameda, San Jose
- 2 **City Council**, 7:30 p.m., CC
- 3 **Heritage Preservation Commission**. 7 p.m., WCR
- 6 **State of the City**
- 8 **Planning Commission**
Study Session, 7-8 p.m., WCR
Public Hearing, 8 p.m., CC
- 9 **City Council**, 7:30 p.m., CC
- 10 **Parks & Recreation Commission**, 7 p.m., CC
- 15 **Personnel Board**, 5 p.m., CC
- 16 **City Council**, 7:30 p.m., CC
- 17 **Arts Commission**, 7 p.m., WCR
- 18 **Bicycle Advisory Committee**, 6:30 p.m., WCR
- 22 **Planning Commission**
Study Session, 7-8 p.m., WCR
Public Hearing, 8 p.m., CC
- 23 **City Council**, 7:30 p.m., CC
- 24 Housing and Human Services Commission, 7 p.m., WCR
- 24 **Parks & Recreation Commission**, Canceled
- 24 **Private Industry Council**, 12 noon at Acurex, 555 Clyde Ave., Mountain View
- 29 **Memorial Day Holiday** – City Hall Closed
- 30 **City Council**, Canceled

JUNE

- 1 **City Council Budget Workshop**, 8 a.m., CC
- 5 **Library Board**, 7:30 p.m., CC
- 5 **Advisory Council to the Council on Aging**, 1:00 p.m. 2175 The Alameda, San Jose
- 6 **City Council**, 7:30 p.m., CC
- 6 **Child Care Advisory Board**, 1 p.m., WCR
- 7 **Heritage Preservation Commission**. 7 p.m., WCR
- 12 **Planning Commission**
Study Session, 7-8 p.m., WCR
Public Hearing, 8 p.m., CC
- 13 **City Council**, 7:30 p.m., CC
- 14 **Parks & Recreation Commission**, 7 p.m., CC
- 15 **Bicycle Advisory Committee**, 6:30 p.m., WCR
- 19 **Personnel Board**, 5 p.m., CC
- 20 **City Council**, 7:30 p.m., CC
- 21 **Arts Commission**, 7 p.m., WCR
- 26 **Planning Commission**
Study Session, 7-8 p.m., WCR
Public Hearing, 8 p.m., CC
- 27 **City Council**, Canceled (Summer Recess)
- 28 **Housing and Human Services Commission**, 7 p.m., WCR
- 28 **Parks & Recreation Commission**, Canceled
- 28 **Private Industry Council**, 12 noon at Acurex, 555 Clyde Ave., Mountain View

JULY

- 4 **Fourth of July Holiday** - City Hall Closed
- 4 **City Council**, Canceled
- 5 **Heritage Preservation Commission**. 7 p.m., WCR
- 10 **Library Board**, 8:00 p.m., CC
- 10 **Planning Commission**
Study Session, 7-8 p.m., CC
Public Hearing, 7-8 p.m., WCF

- 11 **City Council**, 7:30 p.m., CC
- 12 **Parks & Recreation Commission**, 7 p.m., CC
- 17 **Personnel Board**, 5 p.m., CC
- 18 **City Council**, 7:30 p.m., CC
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LEISURE — Theater, Arts, Recreation

For more complete information, or to confirm dates and times, contact the organization listed.

APRIL

- 3-June 19 The **Senior Center** Presents *“Feel Good Fitness”*, Mondays & Wednesdays from 1 PM to 2:20 PM at the Sunnyvale Community Center Neighborhood Room, 550 E Remington Drive. For more information call 730-7360.
- 14-May 7 **Sunnyvale Community Players** presents *“Man of La Mancha”* For more information call 733-6611.



- 15 The **Senior Center** presents a *“Ukrainian Easter Egg”* decorating class, from 9 AM to 3:30 PM. You will need to bring one dozen medium white eggs (raw and un-refrigerated), four plain votive candles and a pencil. For more information or to register call JoAnn Barney at 522-2712.
- 15-16 **City-wide Garage Sale**, for more information call 730-7262
- 17-22 The **California Theatre Center** presents *“Jack and the Beanstalk”*. For more information call 245-2978.
- 18 The **American Society of Transplant Surgeons and the American Red Cross** presents The *“Millennium Mayorbton.”*The event starts at 4 PM on Mathilda Ave at Evelyn and finishes at City Hall. For more information or to sign up call 800-848-8836.
- 19 The **Special Olympics and Public Safety** presents *“Tip a Cop.”* For more information call 730-7140.
- 24 The **Senior Center's** Steppin' Out Day Trips presents *“1-2-3 Strikes You're In”*. For more information call 730-7360.
- 24-May 12 The **California Theatre Center** presents *“Heidi”* For more information call 245-2978.
- 26 The **Senior Center's Big Band Sound Dance** presents *“The Serenaders”*. Admission is \$4 per person. Call 730-7360 for more information.



- 27 **Bothered by Aircraft Noise?** Learn about airport operations and register your concerns at a public meeting at the Palo Alto Arts Center, 7PM, 1313 Newell Road. For more information call 510-464-8493.
- 27 **Chamber Mixer**, 5 PM to 7 PM, National Semiconductor Federal Credit Union. For more information or reservations call the Chamber of Commerce at 736-4971.
- 29 The **Fremont Union High School District** presents it's *“Community Celebration Picnic.”* The event starts at 11 AM and lasts all day until 4 PM. For more information call 522-2206.

MAY

- 3 The **Senior Center** presents *“Self-Healing Massage”*, 11AM to 1 PM in room 504. For more information call 730-7360.
- 5 The **Senior Center** will be celebrating *“Older American Month”* at the Senior Center from 9:30 A.M. to 2 P.M. Call 730-7360 for more information.
- 6 The **State of the City** will be held Downtown on Washington Avenue at South Murphy from 11am to 3pm. For more information call 730-7335. Admission is free and open to the public.
- 11 **Wake Up Sunnyvale!** Starting at 7:30 AM, Ramada Inn - Silicon Valley. For more information or to RSVP call the Chamber of Commerce at 736-4971.
- 13 The **Sunnyvale Singers** presents their *“Spring Concert”*. For more information call 534-2114.
- 13 The **California Theatre** Center presents *“Just So Stories”* For more information call 245-2978.

- 13 Celebrate the Valley of Heart's Delight at the **“Orchard Heritage Blossom Fair”** from 11 AM to 4 PM. Advance tickets: Adults \$25, Seniors \$20 and Children \$5. For more information or to purchase tickets call 739-5004.
- 15-June 2 The **California Theatre Center** presents *“The Brave Little Tailor”* For more information call 245-2978.
- 10 The **Senior Center's** Big Band Sound Dance presents *“The Sound Wizards”*. Admission is \$4 per person. For more information Call 730-7360.
- 17 The **Senior Center's** Steppin' Out Day Trips presents *“SF Symphony Dress Rehearsal”*. For more information call 730-7360.
- 22-24 The **Senior Center** Extended Steppin' Out Trips presents *“The Heart of the Park-Yosemite”*. Trip highlights include: 2 night's hotel accommodations, meals and a ride aboard the Sugar Pine Railroad. Cost \$395 double occupancy, \$520 single occupancy. For more information call 730-7360.
- 24 The **Senior Center's** Big Band Sound Dance presents *“The Serenaders”*. Admission is \$4 per person. Call 730-7360 for more information.
- 24-27 **Independent Theatre Productions** presents *“Quo Vadis”*. For more information call 252-3530
- 25 **Chamber Mixer**, 5 PM to 7 PM, Lima Family Mortuary. For more information or reservations call the Chamber of Commerce at 736-4971.
- 29 **Memorial Day** — City Hall Closed

JUNE

- 1-July 23 The **California Theatre Center** presents *“The Sleeping Beauty”* For more information call 720-0873.
- 2 The **Special Olympics and Public Safety** presents *“The Annual Torch Run.”* For more information call 730-7140.
- 3 & 4 **26th Annual Sunnyvale Art and Wine Festival** 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, both days — Downtown Sunnyvale. For more information call the Chamber of Commerce at 736-4971.
- 8 **Wake Up Sunnyvale!** Starting at 7:30 AM, Ramada Inn - Silicon Valley. For more information or to RSVP call the Chamber of Commerce at 736-4971.
- 8-July 23 The **California Theatre Center** presents *“Communicating Doors”*. For more information call 720-0873.
- 9 The **Senior Center's** Steppin' Out Day Trips presents *“A Walk on the Wild Side”*. For more information call 730-7360.
- 10 The **Senior Center's “4th Annual Summer Picnic”** will be held at Washington Park, starting at noon. Tickets are \$8 each and can be purchased at the Senior Center. Call 730-7360 for more information.
- 10 The **Special Olympics and Public Safety** presents *“Airplane Pull.”* For more information call 730-7140.
- 10 Interested in learning about bike safety? **Public Safety** presents it's 2nd Annual *“Bike Rodeo.”* For more information call 730-7140.
- 14 The **Senior Center's** Big Band Sound Dance presents *“The Sound Wizards”*. Admission is \$4 per person. Call 730-7360 for more information.
- 18 The **California Theatre Center** presents *“Black Coffee”* For more information call 720-0873.
- 20 The **Senior Center's** Steppin' Out Day Trips presents *“Wine and Roses”*. For more information call 730-7360.
- 22 **Chamber Mixer**, 5 PM to 7 PM, Larkspur Landing. For more information or reservations call the Chamber of Commerce at 736-4971.
- 27 The **Senior Center's** Steppin' Out Day Trips presents *“Chinese Culinary Walk”*. For more information call 730-7360.



- 28 The **Senior Center's** Big Band Sound Dance presents *“The Serenaders”*. Admission is \$4 per person. Call 730-7360 for more information.

JULY

- 4 **Fourth of July Holiday** — City Hall Closed
- 4 The **Parks & Recreation Department** presents The *“Cherry Pie Fourth of July.”* Bring the whole family and join us for a summer celebration at our own beautiful Baylands Park. We'll have old-fashioned games like gunny sack and three legged races. Your children will have fun at our Carnival Midway. Everyone will enjoy the music and entertainment. Bring a blanket and enjoy lunch from the food booths. Top it all off with a shot in our Pie-Eating Contest. Admission is free; parking is \$3.00 per car. There is a small fee per carnival game.
- 6 The **California Theatre Center** presents *“The Importance of Being Earnest”*. For more information call 720-0873.
- 13 **Wake Up Sunnyvale!** Starting at 7:30 AM, Ramada Inn—Silicon Valley. For more information or to RSVP call the Chamber of Commerce at 736-4971.
- 22 **Chamber Mixer**, 5 PM to 7 PM, TBD. For more information or reservations call the Chamber of Commerce at 736-4971. ✨



Sunnyvale Art & Wine Festival
June 3-4, 2000
10:00 am – 6 pm

For more information,
call the Sunnyvale Chamber of
Commerce at 736-4971.



Murphy Avenue
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

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